

The Bus Stop

Report and Financial Statements for the year ending

31st August 2024

Charity Number 1161945



Office

5 Weldon Court, Weaponness Park, Scarborough YO11 2UA

Trustees

Trustees during the period 1st Sept 2023 to 31st August 2024

Rev Jacqueline Cray

Rev Joanne Parker

Jonathan Price

Rev Dr Timothy Patrick Kelly

Rev Katherine McBride

Governing document

The Bus Stop is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission in January 2015 under charity number 1161945. It is governed by a Foundation Constitution last updated in March 2020.

Activities and objectives

The Bus Stop's objects are:

To advance the Christian Faith and to promote community development. This will be achieved in particular but not exclusively by

- a) working in partnership with local churches and other agencies to provide youth and community provision
- b) working in partnership with local schools to provide education on the Christian faith
- c) creating a safe space that will allow young people to explore issues of life and faith
- d) using our double decker bus for any other charitable activities which the trustees shall think fit, in line with these objectives.

The vision of The Bus Stop is to see churches in isolated or deprived areas welcoming and nurturing young people as they explore issues of life and faith". This is expressed in "Reaching young people, Nurturing young lives, Coaching churches in excellent youthwork".

The Bus Stop works with local churches and other agencies to provide youth and community services and to further the Christian faith. We use our double decker bus to facilitate youth groups, and to create a safe space that allows young people to explore issues of life and faith. Our youth workers train up local volunteers so that the bus can eventually move on to a different area, leaving the new youth group running independently. Our youth workers also mentor individual young people in partnership with local schools.

When planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.



Achievements and performance in the year ending August 2024

As no new charity manager/youth worker was found all charity work ceased.

The trustees continue to hold meetings to re-establish our vision and strategy, to identify how best to integrate their work with the Diocese of York Children and Youth Strategy (see next paragraph), to decide what workers we needed to employ, and to pursue fund-raising and grant opportunities.

The Bus Stop trustees are exploring a potential shift in focus from directly delivering youth work via its mobile bus ministry to instead empowering and equipping rural churches in the Diocese of York to develop and sustain their own contextual youth mission and discipleship. This would mark a move away from short-term, externally driven activity towards a model that invests in local leadership through structured training, mentoring, and support from an experienced youth worker. While still rooted in the original vision of helping young people explore faith, this proposed direction would place greater emphasis on long-term sustainability, church ownership, and locally resourced ministry, reducing reliance on physical assets like the bus and focusing instead on building capacity within the church itself.

Financial Review

The Accounts run from 1 September 2023 to 31st August 2024.

We had £31,584.07 at the start of the year and £32,441.02 at the end.

Receipts

We had around 5 people giving regularly by Standing Order as well as a small monthly sum from Stewardship.

Payments

The biggest regular outgoing was banking and administration fees.





Receipts and Payments Accounts 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

	2023/2024	2022/2023
Receipts		
Regular giving (see note 1)	1505	1760
Grants and Donations (see note 2)	0	5,018
Hire of Services	0	0
Sale of parts	0	1000
Tuck Shop	0	0
Gift Aid Reclaims	208	
Total Receipts	1,712	7,778
Payments		
Bus Fuel	0	0
Maintenance	0	0
Bus Parking	0	0
Tax and insurance	96	1,101
Bus Resources	0	0
Youth activities	0	0
Salaries, pensions & staff welfare	0	0
Training	0	0
Travel	0	0
Volunteer expenses	0	0
Sundry expenses	0	200
Office	760	1,307
Repayment of grant		10,000
Total Payments	856	12,608
Net of receipts/payments	857	(4,830)
Balances		





Balance brought forward from last year	31,584	36,414
Balance carried forward to next year	32,441	31,584
Grants and Donations		
	0	0
Restricted Fund - New Bus		
Fund at 31/08/2023	2,500	2,500
Grants and donations	0	0
Fund at 31/08/2024	2,500	2,500
Restricted Fund - Seamer		
Fund at 31/08/2023	910	910
Grants and donations	0	0
Fund at 31/08/2024	910	910
The Bus Stop Statement of assets and liabilities		
year ended 31 August 2024		
Cash at bank as at 31 Aug 23	31,584	36,414
Net gain for 2023/2024	857	(4,830)
Cash at bank as at 31 Aug 24	32,441	31,584

Jennifer Hobson, Treasurer

Signature:

Date:

09/07/2025

Reserves Policy





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When working out the Bus Stop's budget, we set aside the amount that would be needed to pay a month's salary to each of our workers. We have no specific reserves policy, but we do set an annual budget and review it regularly.

